



STATE OF ARKANSAS
City of Brookland

ORDINANCE 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS IN THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS, AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Brookland, Arkansas currently utilizes two (2) year election terms for its council members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §14-43-312 (the "Authorizing Legislation"), by ordinance, referred to and approved by vote of the electors of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, the City may choose to elect council members from each ward to four-year staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Authorizing Legislation, the council members representing position number one (1) from each ward will be elected to a four (4) year term at the next general election and the council members representing position number two (2) from each ward will be elected to an initial two (2) year term at the next general election, and thereafter will be elected to four (4) year terms, resulting in staggered terms with one (1) council member being elected to a four (4) year term from each ward every two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Brookland, Arkansas, has determined that the City would greatly benefit from its council members being elected to four-year staggered terms in order to avoid the possibility that all new council members could be elected at one time without the experience necessary to keep the City operating smoothly, efficiently and cost effectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BROOKLAND CITY COUNCIL as follows:


Section 1: That, at the next general election, council members from each ward shall be elected to four (4) year staggered terms in accordance with the Authorizing Legislation.

Section 2. Repealer Clause: That all Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3: Severability. That if any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or other provision or portion of this ordinance is adjudged to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any court with jurisdiction to make such determination, then such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision other than the part adjudged to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, and the remaining parts and provisions of this ordinance shall be construed as if such invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable provision or provisions had never been contained herein.

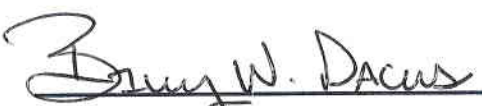
Section 4: That this Ordinance shall not take effect until an election is held on the question of electing two (2) council members from each ward to four (4) year staggered terms, at which election a majority of the electors voting on the question shall have approved the election of two (2) council members from each ward to four (4) year staggered terms.

Approved and adopted this 9th day of May 2022.



Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Billy Dacus, Clerk

